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TO: Mr. William E. Colby

FROM:

SUBJECT: First Cut at a Response to
Gen. Davidson's Request

REMARKS:

25X1 Attached is [] first cut at a memo-
randum responding to Phil Davidson's request
for an input from you to the current Pentagon
exercise of attempting to divine intelligence
lessons learned in Vietnam. This needs some
work and in its present form, if dispatched,
might be counterproductively provocative. (I am
not suggesting we should water judgments and
indeed believe [] main points are all valid.
25X1 The tactical question is whether making our
military colleagues mad would serve any useful
purpose.) On the other hand, I thought you
would be interested in seeing this in its unex-
purgated form for two reasons: (a) You can
make your conceptual input early in the process,
which will save time for everybody over the
long run. (b) It gives you a good insight into
how one of our able and promising younger
officers thinks and writes when asked to try his
25X1 hand at such a project []

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Attachment

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